DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

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Minutes of April 27, 2006 Meeting

Peter Maglathlin, Chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:00p.m. in Room 219 of the Town Hall.

Members present:

Jenny Streeter Jim Plutte
Peter Maglathlin Dave Campbell
John Bowes Kevin Newman

Jerry Nielsen

Guest List:

Adele Conniff

The minutes of the March 23 and April 6 meetings were approved.

Construction Committee Report

Peter Maglathlin reported that there has been a proposal to put artificial turf on the baseball field to help overcome the difficulties with the field. The question has been referred to the EPC for consideration. We have agreed to wait two weeks before we begin our own process of ameliorating the drainage problem, primarily by regarding the first base line. The placement of a turf field would not be funded by the committee, and would need the approval of the Superintendent.

Peter also reported that the recent heavy rains that flooded Stoney Brook and caused high water along Holly Lane were not related to the high school construction. He noted that there has been a history of such flooding, with complaints in Town Hall offices dating back to 1942.

The installation of the turf field in the oval continues to experience delays. The contractor needs to get approval from both the EPC and P&Z. It appears that we will not wait for the installation of the artificial turf field to install the grass fields around it.

Several committee members voiced their feeling that the uncrushed rock pile seemed to be growing, making them wonder whether the contractor is bringing rock onto the site to be crushed at our expense. The suspicion will be looked into.

Several committee members opined that the large mound of topsoil on the eastern edge of the playing fields (known as Mt. Maglathlin) needs to be removed as soon as possible.

Peter Maglathlin also said that we appear close to settling our financial differences with various contractors and the architects.

Jenny Streeter suggested that "thank you" letters be written to the school PTOs for funding the Welcome Center, as well as to individuals who donated trees and other landscaping.

Finance Committee Report

John Bowes reported that he will be meeting with John Ryan and Kate Clark to reconcile accounts.

Chairman's Report – None.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May18, 2006 in Room 206 of Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte Secretary

Approved: July 20, 2006